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11 January 1951

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I have received a copy of the President's letter to you of 26 December, requesting review and recommendations as to adjustments in certain U. S. policies and programs with respect to our international economic activities.

The Central Intelligence Agency will be glad to cooperate with the Department of State in this matter, and will make every effort to provide such assistance and advice as the Department may desire.

As requested in your letter to me of 9 January 1951, I am designating Mr. Max Franklin Millikan, one of my Assistant Directors, to act as the representative of this Agency for consultations with Mr. Henry R. Lassen.

I note from your letter that you have given instructions within your Department that the existence of this review be closely guarded from the security viewpoint. You may be assured that the same policy will be followed in this Agency.

Sincerely,

WALTER B. SMITH
Director

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The Honorable
The Secretary of State

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January 9, 1951

Dear General:

The President has sent to you a copy of his letter of December 28 to me requesting a review of and recommendations as to adjustments in certain U.S. policies and programs with respect to our international economic activities.

As indicated in the President's letter, this work will require the cooperative efforts of several agencies of the government. To that end, it would be very helpful to us if you would designate one of your senior officers to be available for consultation in this field. We have designated Mr. Henry R. Labouisse as the officer in this Department responsible for carrying forward this work.

Because of the possible implications of this review, I believe it is of the utmost importance to our relations with other countries that the fact that the review is being made be closely guarded from the security viewpoint. Accordingly I have given instructions to that end within the State Department and hope that you will find it desirable to give similar instructions within your Agency.

In light of the President's request and pending the development and submission of recommendations to him, I would urge that any changes in current policies and programs which are directly under review be held in abeyance unless there is a clear and urgent necessity for adjustments before the end of January.

Sincerely yours,

D. C. P.

Lieutenant General Walter B. Smith, U.S.A.,
Director,
Central Intelligence Agency.

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12 January 1951

The following were sent to Dr. Millikan
on Monday, 15 January 1951:

1. 1 cc ltr. frm DCI to SecState - 1/11/51
 2. Orig. ltr. frm SecState to DCI - 1/9/51
 3. 1 cc ltr. frm DCI to Director of BuBudget -
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 4. 1 cc ltr. frm Dir. BuBudget to DCI - 12/29/50
 5. 1 cc ltr. frm President to SecState - 12/28/50.
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REMARKS: Please note your designation as our consultant with State Dept. (Mr. Henry R. Labouisse) on this problem. Also, that the DCI desires to keep the existence of this review "closely guarded".

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